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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed 28 August 2002, time for response to which was set to expire 28 November 2002. The pending claims, claims 1-7, 9-10 and 14-24 were rejected and the rejection was made final. The sole basis for rejection is with respect to asserted obviousness over the combination of Chang, Vermeulin, Gerster and Cruickshank. This rejection was maintained despite applicants' arguments to the contrary. Careful consideration has been given to the further explanation of this rejection, and the following discussion is offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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